and schemes meant for weaker sections like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Self-Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP), Self Employment to Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) and Differential Rate of Interest Scheme etc. As and when considered necessary banks introduce new schemes specially suited to a particular area.

Demand of Coffee growers in Karnataka

2561. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coffee growers in Karnataka have expressed a desire to market their produce instead of surrendering their entire produce to the Coffee Board;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter;

(c) whether the Coffee growers' decision to market in open will have any adverse affect on the working of the Coffee Board; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

TEH MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI) (a) and (b) Some planter members had expressed a desire to market their produce by getting internal sale quota. Based on the recommendations of the Coffee Board Government after the due consideration have decided not to allow internal sale quota for the Coffee seasons 1987-88.

(c) and (d) The implications of allowing internal sale quota include practical difficulties in its implementation and the prices to be realised by the growers owing to rush sale of the internal sale quota Coffee during the short period of two to three months.

Environmental safeguards for the Narmada Sagar Project

2562. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an environmental plan has been prepared by the Central Government to provide environmental safeguards for the Narmada Sagar Project;

(b) if so, what are its features and estimated cost; and

(c) by what time they are expected to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir Detailed Environmental Action Plans are prepared by the project authorities. Narmada Valley Development Authority is preparing Action Plans for the Narmada Sagar Project covering the following aspects:

Catchment Area Treatment;
Command Area Development;

Rehabilitation of Flora, Fauna and Human Population;

Health Aspects; and

Reservoir Induced Seismicity.

Field data are under collection for preparation of these plans. Therefore the cost estimates would be available only when complete plans are ready.

(c) Collection of data preparation of Action Plans and their implementation are expected to be done in phases. Complete details on various Action Plans are expected to be ready in 1990-91.

Losses incurred by NTC

2563. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Na-

tional Textiles Corporation is incurring losses;

(b) if so, what are the details of losses suffered by N.T.C. during the last three years;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to improve the working of N.T.C. and recoup its financial position;

(d) whether capital restructuring of N.T.C. is under consideration of Government to recoup the losses; and

(e) if so, what are the details of such capital restructuring?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the net loss suffered by the textile mills under N.T.C. during the last 3 years in given below:-

Year	Loss (Rs. crores)
1985-86	151.17
1986-87	214.00
1987-88 (Provl.)	266.43

(c) Recently, N.T.C. has formulated a strategy for bringing about a turnaround in N.T.C. which includes, among other things, amalgamation|restructuring of unviable mills, closure of uneconomic activities, selective modernisation with the help of institutional finance, upgradation of products and diversification, rationalisation of excess labour on the basis of voluntary resignation etc.

At present, Govt. is recouping the financial position of NTC by reimbursing the cash losses incurred by N.T.C. mills.

(d) and (e) N.T.C. has submitted a proposal to the Government for capital restructuring of NTC basically to restore the normal debt equity ratio of 1:1 against the existing ratio of 3:1 which is under examination of the Govt.

Freedom Fighters, Pension to those who were Minors during Freedom Movement

2564. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out a plan to sanction freedom fighters' pension to the persons who were minors and who had suffered or were imprisoned for two to six months during the freedom movement;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

TE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There is no such plan.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) Under the Swantantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, a person whose age was even less than 18 years at the time when he underwent suffering for the cause of country's freedom can be considered for pension in he fulfils the criteria prescribed under the Scheme. It has, therefore, not been considered necessary to have any such plan.

Economic Offences against former President, NCCF

2565. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1585 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th May , 1985 and state: